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## MEMORANDUM

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**FROM:** Chief Judge Polozola  
**DATE:** August 18, 2002  
**SUBJECT:** Cell Phones, Beeppers, Palm Pilots

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At a Judicial Officers' meeting held on August 15, 2002, the Judicial Officers of the Middle District adopted the following policy on the admission of cell phones, beepers, palm pilots and computers which shall be effective immediately:

**Any person may bring a cell phone, beeper, or palm pilot into the courthouse without seeking permission from the Chief Judge or any other judicial officer. This permission to bring a cell phone, beeper or palm pilot into the building is subject to the following sanction: Any cell phone, beeper or palm pilot which rings or makes any other noise in the courtroom, chambers or in the hallways outside of a courtroom shall be subject to seizure and shall not be returned to the owner.**

**An attorney who wishes to bring a computer into the courtroom for use at a hearing, conference or trial must seek permission from the presiding judicial officer, or in the judicial officer's absence, from the Chief Judge.**

The Clerks of Court shall work together with Paul Heitman to have an appropriate sign printed which shall be posted at the security desk at the entrance of each of the buildings. This sign shall also include the language regarding searches of individuals, exclusions of weapons, etc which is on the sign currently posted at the security desk of each building. As soon as the language for the new sign is drafted, the Clerks shall submit the proposed sign to the Judicial Officers for final approval. Because of the change of policy, time is of the essence.

The U.S. Marshal shall advise all of the deputy marshals and the CSOs of this change in policy and shall further advise them that these objects shall still be subject to search and inspection in accordance with procedures adopted by the U.S. Marshal and the Court Security Committee.

The Clerks shall provide a copy of this memorandum to all tenants in each of the buildings and post a copy of this memorandum on the web sites of the District and Bankruptcy Courts.